

when Mrs. Eddy and her children were alone in it. Capt. Eddy owned practically all Middle Sackville, which was confiscated.

FIRST CANADIAN HOME FOR METHODISTS AND BAPTISTS.

Amongst the Immigrants in 1763 to Sackville were Nathan Mason and wife, Thomas Lewis and wife, Experience Baker, all of the Second Baptist church of Swansea, Benjamin Mason and wife, Charles Seamans and wife and Gilbert Seamans and wife from other churches, immigrated to Sackville, N. B., and on 21st April that year. These 13 persons organized the First Baptist Church in Canada, with Nathan Mason as pastor; afterwards Job Seamans became their pastor.

Rev. Job Seamans' father Charles, immigrated from Reaboth Mass., with his family to Sackville, N. B., in 1761, where he commenced farming. Five years later the Newlight movement spread to Sackville. Job, then eighteen years of age, attended the meetings, became interested and was finally converted and determined to devote his life to the work of the ministry. In 1773, he was ordained at North Attleboro, Mass. He ministered to the Church there for fourteen years and was a moving spirit in two revivals in which more than 100 persons were baptized. In 1788, he was called to New London, N. H., where he died in 1830.

The writer has a letter from him, dated 1st October, 1796, addressed to James Estabrooks of Sackville, N. B., and another one dated 20 years later. Their phraseology is quaint, but they breathe earnest prayers for the spiritual welfare of the recipient and his family.

The names Nathan Mason, Thomas Lewis, Gilbert Seaman, Benjamin Mason occur in a document in the Archives at Halifax seven years later (1770) reciting the names of the residents here. The others are said to have returned to Massachusetts in 1771.